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Gun Safety Memorial

The picture below is of one of four weapons purchased by two friends of mine. They visited the gun show held in Tucson last week and in the course of less than a morning had been sold two AR-15 semi-automatics (one in the picture), a .12 gauge shotgun, and a .45 handgun.

Each purchase was “cash and carry.” One occurred in a parking lot based on a meeting arranged by phone, and none of them involved any sort of background check. If you believe that’s safe or appropriate, we simply disagree. I believe its lunacy.

On Wednesday, I’ll be asking M&C to sign onto the Memorial I’ve drafted in support of cracking down on “straw purchases” – that is, buying a gun for somebody else when you know that person is a prohibited possessor – and embracing the Brady Gun Code of Conduct. I shared the text of that in the August 10th newsletter. The gist of it is “do a back-





Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police
Department**
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

**Abandoned
Shopping Carts**
791-3171

**Neighborhood
Resources**
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

**Environmental
Services**
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

**Planning and
Development
Services** 791-5550

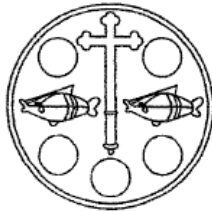
**Pima Animal Care
Center**
724-5900

**Pima County Vector
Control**
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 243-7999

Continued: A Message From Steve

ground check, and don't sell guns to people whom you think might be a danger to themselves or others." Pretty much common sense, and yet pretty much "*fightin' words*" for some.

In recent newsletters, I've been sharing letters of support from various groups. Here's one from the St. Phillip's in the Hills Parish:



Saint Philip's In The Hills Parish

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Phone: (520) 299-6421 † Fax: (520) 299-0712 † E-mail: office@stphilipstucson.org

August 25, 2015

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
City of Tucson
255 W. Alameda
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Letter of Support for City of Tucson Memorial aimed at reducing gun violence in our community

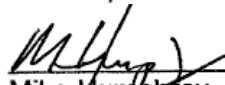
Dear Mayor Rothschild,

The St. Philip's in the Hills Prevention of Gun Violence Committee, a committee established by the Vestry, supports the adoption and issuance of a Memorial (authored by Councilmember Kozachik) by the City of Tucson Mayor and Council calling on U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch to enforce federal laws which prohibit gun dealers from allowing straw purchases of firearms. Our committee also supports requesting that all gun dealers and gun show promoters adopt the Brady Gun Dealer Code of Conduct which includes: refusal to sell to straw purchasers, refusal to transfer a firearm until a background check has been completed, refusal to sell a firearm to a potential purchaser if the dealer has reason to believe the purchaser may be a danger to themselves or to others, and refusal to sell firearms at gun shows until a background check is completed.

Our committee supports the transmittal of said Memorial to Representatives Gallego and Kelly and to all members of the Arizona Congressional delegation and to all members of the Arizona State House of Representatives and the Arizona State Senate who represent our community.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Philip's in the Hills Prevention of Gun Violence Committee


Mike Humphrey, Chair

Members: Rita Smalling
Herb Burton
Sylvia Burton
Alison Lee
Rev. Leah Sandwell-Weiss

As with each letter I've received, this is very much appreciated and very much a part of the solution that many of us are trying to achieve locally. That's where it has to begin. That's where you can buy an AR-15 in a parking lot for cash.

On Wednesday, Phoenix gun dealer Chris Kitaeff will be joined by UA School of Nursing Clinical Instructor Lisa Kiser in sharing their views on the Memorial. Chris was moved to get involved after the Sandy Hook murder of children at an elementary school. Lisa's motivator was her involvement in the shootings that occurred at the UA nursing school several years ago. Yes, Tucson has been down this path more times than back on January 8th, 2011.

The Memorial will not solve gun deaths. But it will get the topic back into the local conversation. We simply cannot let this become a 24-hour news cycle issue. I'm grateful for those who are working toward that end.

The ASK Campaign



Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall's office recently put out some statistics that bear on the issue of gun safety. Up to 80% of 1st and 2nd graders know where their parents keep their guns. Nearly 55% of families have one or more guns in an unlocked place, and 43% of families keep guns without a trigger lock and in an unlocked place. Approximately 1.7 million kids under the age of 18 are living in homes with loaded *and* unlocked guns. Nearly all childhood unintentional shooting deaths occur in or near to the home.

Gun Violence Prevention Arizona (GVPA) also supports the Memorial. In addition, they're leading the way locally for people to become aware of the Asking Saves Kids (ASK) Campaign. Its purpose is to encourage parents to ask a simple question before sending their kids off to play at a friend's house. The question is "Is there an unlocked gun in your house?" Here's a link for the ASK website: <http://askingsaveskids.org>

Here are some more data:

1 in 3

homes with children have guns, many unlocked or loaded



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

3 in 4

children ages 5-14 know where firearms are kept in the home



80%

of unintentional firearm deaths of kids under 15 occur in a home



Barbara LaWall's office offered these very simple tips which further support the goals of the ASK Campaign:

- Always keep your gun unloaded and locked up.
- Always store ammunition separately.
- Always use trigger locks on all guns.
- Always hide the keys where kids can't find them.
- Always lock up gun cleaning supplies – they can be poisonous.
- Never let kids know where your guns are stored and locked.
- Never leave a gun unattended when handling and cleaning a gun – not even for a second.

Lots of moving pieces to the issue of gun safety, and a lot of people moving on the issue in Tucson.



Dylan's Wings of Change

Dylan Hockley was one of the kids who was killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December of 2012. He had autism. Since the shooting, a foundation has been formed to raise funds to help kids with autism achieve their maximum potential.

Lisa Kiser is one of the speakers I've asked to participate in the Memorial agenda item. I mentioned her above. In November, she's

going to run in the NYC Marathon, raising funds to support the Dylan's Wings foundation. The goal is to raise \$3K ahead of the event. She's doing the heavy lifting (one foot at a time for 26.2 miles), so I'm hopeful that many of you will go to this link and help her achieve the support goal for this very worthy effort. Here's the link to the foundation: <https://www.crowdrise.com/dylanswingsnyc2015/fundraiser/lisakiser>

Stand Up To Stop Violence

A final add on the issue of gun violence. This Saturday evening, the Rialto will host an event sponsored by Comedy for Charity. The sad fact is that there seems to be a never-ending supply of incidents that give rise to these sorts of efforts. In this case it was the shooting of two reporters in Virginia a couple of weeks ago.

"Show me the Funny" will be emceed by Dave Fitzsimmons. The special guest is the winner of the 2nd season of the Last Comic Standing series, John Heffron. He has been on Comedy Central, Jay Leno, and has DVD material out (likely to be on sale). There will also be music, dancing, and a book signing by Roxanna Green (*As Good As She Imagined: The Angel of Tucson, Christina-Taylor Green*).

All of the proceeds from the event will go to support Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse, and also to the January 8th Memorial Foundation. Check with the Rialto for tickets – 740.1000.

♦ ♦ ♦ Stand Up to Stop Violence Presents ♦ ♦ ♦

SHOW ME THE FUNNY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2015
THE RIALTO THEATER
 RIALTO, 318 E. CONGRESS 520.740.1000

♦ ♦ ♦ @7:00pm ♦ ♦ ♦

TICKETS: \$23 \$33 \$50

WWW.COMEDYFORCHARITY.ORG

HEALING THROUGH LAUGHTER

♦ GUEST APPEARANCE BY ♦
 ♦ REVEILLE MEN'S CHORUS ♦

RAFFLE TICKETS AND PRIZES

Featuring

DAVID FITZSIMMONS SUZIE SEXTON NANCY STANLEY

ROXANNA GREEN BOOK SIGNING
 AS GOOD AS SHE IMAGINED:
 THE REDEEMING STORY OF THE ANGEL
 OF TUCSON, CHRISTINA-TAYLOR GREEN

WINNER OF THE SECOND SEASON OF LAST COMIC STANDING

Headlining
JOHN HEFFRON

Fifth Annual Charity Fundraiser Benefitting:
 Comedy for Charity,
 Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse,
 Tucson's January 8th Foundation

COMEDY for CHARITY
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Transit Strike



While travelling around Africa, we saw plenty of examples of overstuffed public transportation. We have it today in Tucson, but for all the wrong reasons.

I'm optimistic. I think the strike will be over by the time I write the next newsletter. The public deserves an end to this. Nobody will come out a winner, regardless of the final terms of the labor agreement.

I'm optimistic because in the past week you've seen and heard the pressure ramp up from M&C. That pressure is aimed at both sides in the dispute. For me, there are two issues. One is the financial differences, and the other is how aggressively the sides have, or have not, pursued a settlement.

First, the finances. I've stated previously that Sun Tran is working with the budget we gave to them. I sense zero inclination from the M&C to reopen our budget and allocate more funding. That means the \$2.7M Sun Tran has offered is all they have. They've told the Teamsters they're free to move the dollars around into whatever areas they'd like, but the total cannot be increased.

The Teamsters began with a totally unrealistic package of demands that would have cost our General Fund in the neighborhood of \$20M in three years. In economic times like these, you don't play games in negotiations when the livelihoods of thousands of people rely on your good faith. Since that opener, the union demands have reduced to a package the union says would cost Sun Tran just under \$5M. It's progress, but it's also still twice what's available.

I've gone over the cost-cutting measures Sun Tran has implemented over the past years. They're running lean. Other City workers just finished our budget process. Here are the pay raises they received for FY'16:

Fire: \$0

Police: \$0

Communications Workers: \$0

AFSCME: \$0

That makes the \$2.7M offer not too bad in comparison.

Despite our inability to directly enter negotiations, some of us from the M&C have voiced our displeasure over this intractable situation. We have demanded Sun Tran comply with the terms of their contract to keep as many routes rolling as possible. They've done that by using local management and administrative workers to drive, using those operators who crossed the picket line, and for a while they brought in management workers from the Phoenix area to help. In response to that, the Teamsters went to Phoenix and threatened the management up there with a secondary picket of their operations if they didn't pull their drivers back. That's exactly what Phoenix did. I totally understand the reasoning – why fight Tucson's fight for it? – but when they did, Sun Tran was left with 15 fewer drivers

than it needed to fill the routes we've demanded. Management resolved that by hiring from outside of the area.

Some council members took great exception to the outside hiring. I totally get that. And yet, the local and regional hiring options were cut off by the Teamsters. If Sun Tran was going to comply with our demand to roll out more routes and in the process comply with the terms of its contract, hiring from outside the area was the only option left.

I suggested that Sun Tran management set a date certain and announce they'd begin hiring permanent drivers if the strike didn't end. The union said that's illegal. In fact, it's not. Under the terms of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), a company can hire permanent replacement workers in an *economic strike* if they first give notice to the union that a date certain is coming for that to begin. The NLRA lays out the required notice provisions. That ability was affirmed in a unanimous Supreme Court decision called the Mackay ruling. Two points are key, though:

First, when the Sun Tran strike began, as a preemptive measure to prevent the hiring permanent workers, the union filed unfair labor practice charges against Sun Tran. That's a very common tactic used in collective bargaining. While the charges are pending, the strike is an "unfair labor practice strike," not an economic one. Once the charges are answered, that's no longer the case.

The second point is that as a very practical matter, in a strike that has lasted *only* a month, no company is going to announce that it's hiring permanent workers. Typically, one of the final demands made by a union in settling a dispute is that all of their workers be returned to work. Absent egregious violent behavior on a picket line, that's commonly what happens. Given that, my suggestion was as much symbolic as anything. However, I felt it important to send the message that, at least from my perspective, a month is far too long to hold the community hostage. The union needs to recognize the fiscal reality and get back to work.

And yet, there's another side to the negotiating table. I'm not at all convinced that Sun Tran managers read the M&C tea leaves as well as they should have. I would have liked to see them more aggressively come to the table with creative solutions. To that end, last Friday I offered this Press Release as a way of suggesting at least one possible bit of creativity:



**CITY OF
TUCSON**

Council Member Steve Kozachik

Ward 6

NEWS RELEASE

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Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Date: 09/04/2015
TDD: 791-2639

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The entire community is suffering from the prolonged bus strike. Citizens who require transit to

get to work, make appointments, or conduct regular daily affairs are being harmed every day this goes on. The strike must end.

The City has established its Fiscal Year 2016 budget. Incorporated in that budget is the money TransDev has laid on the negotiating table. They have no more to offer, short of the Mayor and Council reopening the budget. Our City Manager has advised against that, and I agree with him.

The City has demanded TransDev operate as many routes as are possible within the budgetary constraints under which they are operating. There are 23 management and administrative staffers working as operators, 17 individuals have crossed the picket line to drive, and TransDev has hired 15 operators from outside the area. While I support their efforts to staff the positions needed to run the number of routes we have demanded, I also understand the level of concern the outside drivers are causing.

At the end of last Fiscal Year, nearly \$500,000 in fuel savings was returned to the City's General Fund. In an effort to break the current logjam, and as a sign of good faith to Sun Tran operators, I propose the City Manager work directly with TransDev to reallocate those savings as a one-time payment, divided up in whatever manner is decided at the negotiating table, as a way of bringing the sides back together to end this work stoppage. The existing \$2.7M offer that's on the table should similarly be negotiated in good faith as a way of ending this strike.

City workers received no pay increases this year. The City has a structurally unbalanced budget. We cannot reopen our FY'16 budget and reallocate more funds to Sun Tran. But we can do what I'm proposing without negatively affecting our position with Bond Rating agencies or taking scarce dollars from other City operating units. This strike needs to end. I encourage the City Manager, TransDev, and the Teamsters to strongly consider this as a way of getting the buses running again.

A one-time strike ending benefit would not increase our General Fund obligation next year. It may be the inducement and face-saving measure the union leadership needs to sell a settlement to the membership. Or, it may be the enticement the drivers need to tell the union leadership that they're ready, and the one-time lump sum is worth accepting. Either way, as I note in the media release, the strike must end.

I'm told that TransDev has a history of fewer than 5% of its properties going on strike in a given year. I'm also told that none of those strikes have lasted for this long. Tucsonans deserve better than they've gotten from either side in this dispute.

I think both have gotten the message. There's no public support for prolonging this, and there's no support from the M&C for doing so, either.

Better News on Jobs

On November 5th and 6th, the Tucson Rodeo Grounds will host this year's Southern Arizona Construction Career Days. During last year's event, over 700 students from 29 high schools participated. The program at the Rodeo Grounds will include hands-on demonstrations of all sorts of construction equipment, facilitated by local tradespeople. The goal is to generate interest from the kids in entering a construction career.

The primary sponsor of the event is the Arizona Transportation Builders group. Ramon Gaandarse is heading up the effort. You can get information on the event from him at ramon@movingoureconomy.org, or by calling 623.0444. You have to register for the event,

and they're limiting participation to 500 students per day.

The jobs included in the program are pretty much whatever you can imagine from the construction industry. Program and project managers, estimators, and other positions requiring some advanced degree training are a part of what you'll see. Also included are jobs in construction labor, carpentry, heavy equipment operation, and cement masonry. Jobs with Pima County and Tucson Water will be included as well.

Ramon and the group are taking applications from students who'd like to participate, and from groups who'd like to sponsor a student, host an exhibit at the show, or help on a volunteer basis. Call or email Ramon, check out the webpage at www.saccd.org, or log on to the group's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/southernarizonaconstructioncareerdays to connect and get involved.

We want to keep our young people here, and we want to support our local construction industry. Both are a part of what you'll see at this event.

More on Job Creation

...well it's actually the Pima County bond package.

Because this is going to the ballot, I can't use this forum to take a position pro or con, but I can lay out facts related to the bond package.

I recently shared that the issues I raised related to objectionable language in the proposed Bond Ordinance are on their way to being resolved. The Board of Supervisors will probably approve the draft of the new language and we should be done with that. Then the conversation becomes the validity of the individual bond projects.

Early voting begins on October 8th. The required public hearing for the bonds will be held on September 15th in front of the Board of Supervisors. If approved, you'll be able to see the entire package by going to www.pima.gov/bonds2015. I'll summarize here.

As I've noted before, the 99 individual projects are going to be broken into seven different packages. Each package will show up on the ballot as a question – that is, yes or no, do you want to pay for all of the projects included in this propositions? I'll show them all, below.

The County plans to administer the projects by selling \$60M to \$70M worth of bonds annually over a 12 year period. The intent of spreading the sales out is to avoid pushing property taxes over the target limit of \$0.815 per \$100 of your net assessed property value. Property values will fluctuate over time, as will interest rates. As that happens, the amount of bond debt that can be sold in a given year will change. As a result, the County can't know exactly what they will actually be able to sell each year in advance. The 2004 bond package is a good example of this kind of uncertainty. Although those bonds were initially programmed for sale over an 11 year period, nearly three fourths of the projects in the bond were completed or under construction within six years. So if you don't see your preferred project scheduled for early in the 12 year period, realize that the timeline could change.

Given those caveats, here's the proposed schedule for the sale of bonds for those 99 projects:

Table 1
Proposed Schedule of Sale of New Bonds

January 2017	\$ 65,000,000
January 2018	\$ 65,000,000
January 2019	\$ 65,000,000
January 2020	\$ 70,000,000
January 2021	\$ 70,000,000
January 2022	\$ 60,000,000
January 2023	\$ 65,000,000
January 2024	\$ 70,000,000
January 2025	\$ 70,000,000
January 2026	\$ 70,000,000
January 2027	\$ 83,264,000
January 2028	\$ 62,496,000

This schedule assumes all of the projects are approved by the voters. If only some are approved, the table will have to be re-done to reflect the new totals.

If all of the questions are passed by the voters, your secondary property tax rate would increase from the current \$0.70 per \$100 of taxable net assessed value to a rate of \$0.81 or less, as I noted above. That \$0.11 increase would be maintained for 13 years, and then it would begin to drop after fiscal year 2029, assuming no future bonds are authorized. At that rate, an owner-occupied home valued at \$120K would see a tax increase of just under \$14 per year. When

you hear talk about the property taxes going up due to these projects, that's the amount behind the comments.

Here are the individual questions, with the full list of projects associated with each. When you get your ballots, this how they'll break down the Propositions.

Projects in Proposition 425

<u>Project</u>	<u>Bond Allocation</u>
Sonoran Corridor Highway	\$30,000,000
Road Repair & Pavement Preservation	\$160,000,000
Science Park Drive at UA Tech Park	\$10,000,000
Total Proposition 425	\$200,000,000

If this package of road projects passes, here's how it will be allocated by jurisdiction.

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>FY 2015/16 Taxable Net Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Taxable Net Assessed Valuation Percentage of County-wide Total</u>	<u>Bond Dollar Allocation</u>
Marana	\$445,006,943	5.84	\$ 9,344,000
Oro Valley	572,696,599	7.51	\$12,016,000
Sahuarita	203,179,337	2.67	\$ 4,272,000
South Tucson	20,327,664	0.27	\$ 432,000
Tucson	3,123,679,235	40.99	\$ 65,584,000
Unincorporated County	3,255,471,857	42.72	\$ 68,352,000
Total Pima County	\$7,620,361,635	100.00	\$160,000,000

Proposition 426: Economic Development, Libraries, and Workforce Training

<u>Project</u>	<u>Bond Allocation</u>
Pima County One-Stop Career Center	\$6,000,000
JobPath Program Facility	\$1,000,000
Innovation/Technology Building, UA Tech Park at The Bridges	\$20,000,000
Oro Valley Business Accelerator	\$15,000,000
South Tucson Retail Tax Base Expansion Redevelopment Project	\$5,000,000
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Land Acquisition Program	\$5,000,000
South 12 th Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor	\$3,175,000
Sahuarita Branch Library	\$7,500,000

Flowing Wells Branch Library Expansion	\$3,100,000
Joyner-Green Valley Library Expansion	\$1,000,000
Southeast Branch Library	\$6,000,000
Southwest Branch Library Land Acquisition	\$600,000
Southern Arizona Regional Orientation Center	\$18,000,000
Total Proposition 426	\$91,375,000

Proposition 427: Tourism Promotion

<u>Project</u>	<u>Bond Allocation</u>
Tucson Children's Museum	\$5,000,000
Pima Air & Space Museum Cold War Hangar & Exhibits	\$4,000,000
Pima County Fairgrounds Building, RV Park & Infrastructure	\$6,500,000
Colossal Cave Mountain Park Improvements	\$3,350,000
Old Pima County Courthouse Restoration, January 8 th Memorial, Museum Space	\$25,000,000
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum-Exhibits & Facility Expansion	\$9,350,000
Canoa Ranch New Museum/Orientation Center & Improvements	\$10,000,000
Reid Park Zoo African Expansion Phase II	\$8,000,000
Downtown Community Theatres & Historic Cultural Landscape	\$23,500,000
Temple of Music & Art	\$900,000
Old Tucson Expansion by Arizona-Sonora Western Heritage Foundation	\$3,000,000
Total Proposition 427	\$98,600,000

Proposition 428: Parks

<u>Project</u>	<u>Bond Allocation</u>
Udall Park Expansion	\$4,000,000
Jacobs Park Recreation Center	\$4,000,000
Reid Park Improvements	\$2,000,000
Purple Heart Park Expansion	\$1,500,000
Sentinel Peak – A Mountain Park Improvement Project	\$1,500,000
Urban Greenways City of Tucson	\$8,500,000
Freedom Center Expansion & Pool Improvements	\$2,500,000
Lincoln Park Improvements	\$1,500,000
Regional Sports Fields & Lighting	\$12,000,000
Oury Pool Renovations	\$1,500,000
Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion	\$6,000,000
Silverlake Park Expansion	\$2,300,000
Kennedy Park Improvements & Expansion	\$2,500,000
Murrieta Park Improvements	\$5,000,000
Jesse Owens Park Development	\$1,000,000
Buffalo Soldiers Memorial	\$250,000
Fort Lowell Park Improvements	\$2,000,000
Marana Cultural & Heritage Park	\$14,000,000
Marana Pool Renovation	\$3,000,000
Rillito Park	\$1,700,000
Flowing Wells Skateboard Park	\$1,250,000
Flowing Wells District Park Expansion	\$500,000
Kory Laos Freestyle Memorial BMX Park	\$1,300,000
Southwest Regional Sports Tournament Complex at Kino Complex	\$25,000,000
Esmond Station Regional Park	\$6,800,000

Canoa Preserve Park	\$3,250,000
Willie Blake Park	\$350,000
Flowing Wells High School Track Improvements	\$1,000,000
Lawrence Hiaki Pathway	\$500,000
Lawrence Park Improvements & Pool	\$3,500,000
Pima County Softball Tournament & Recreation Park at Sports Park	\$3,200,000
Model Airplanes Parks	\$1,000,000
River Park Acquisitions & Development Countywide	\$10,000,000
Kino Sports Complex Repurposing & Expansion	\$2,300,000
County-wide Splash Pad Program	\$4,200,000
Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range Improvements	\$2,500,000
36 th Street Natural Resource Park	\$480,000
Agua Caliente Park Pond Restoration	\$1,000,000
Arizona Velodrome Center - Kino Campus	\$3,500,000
Ajo Community Golf Course Improvements	\$320,000
First Tee of Tucson Youth Golf & Life Skills Center at Crooked Tree	\$800,000
Sahuarita Pool & Recreation Complex/YMCA	\$14,000,000
James D. Kriegh Park Upgrades	\$3,000,000
Naranja Park Improvements	\$10,000,000
El Paso & Southwestern Greenway- South Tucson	\$1,500,000
YMCA at the UA Tech Park	\$6,000,000
El Pueblo Center Improvements	\$2,000,000
Quincie Douglas Center Expansion	\$1,000,000
Clements Senior Center Expansion	\$4,500,000
Total Proposition 428	\$191,500,000

Proposition 429: Public Health, Safety, Neighborhoods, and Housing

<u>Project</u>	<u>Bond Allocation</u>
Banner University Medical Center South Campus County-Owned Facility Expansion	\$18,000,000
Pima County North Clinic Relocation & Expansion	\$4,000,000
MHC Healthcare, Flowing Wells Family Health Center	\$3,000,000
Pima County Office of Medical Examiner Expansion	\$15,000,000
Vail Sheriff Substation	\$3,000,000
Pima County Jail Annex-Juvenile Detention Center Complex	\$5,000,000
Sahuarita Food Bank & Multi-Agency Facility	\$300,000
Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements	\$12,000,000
Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program	\$25,000,000
Pima County Affordable Housing Program	\$20,000,000
Total Proposition 429	\$200,000,000

Proposition 430: Natural Area Conservation and Historic Preservation

<u>Project</u>	<u>Bond Allocation</u>
Open Space Acquisition Program	\$95,000,000
Public Natural Park Trailheads	3,750,000
Steam Pump Ranch Rehabilitation	2,000,000
Ajo Curley School Gym, Town Plaza & Other Historic Buildings	1,300,000
Site Interpretation/Preservation of County Cultural Resource Sites	2,000,000
Historic Ft. Lowell Park Master Plan Implementation	4,000,000
Dunbar School Rehabilitation	1,500,000
Mission San Xavier East Tower & Façade Restoration	2,500,000
Total Proposition 430	\$112,050,000

Proposition 431: Flood Control and Drainage

Project

Bond Allocation

El Corazon – Santa Cruz River: Rillito & CDO Confluence Cemetery Wash Drainage Improvements, Tohono O’odham San Xavier District	\$7,000,000
Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Drainage Construction	\$2,000,000
Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project	\$1,935,000
Floodprone & Riparian Land Acquisition	\$1,000,000
	\$5,000,000
Total Proposition 431	\$16.935.000

Those are all 99 of the projects, broken down into the seven questions you’ll see on the ballot. There are several ways to consider them. Some of those include the question of whether in the aggregate these are worth an extra \$14 per year on your property taxes. Consider also what’s being built, jobs being created in the process of building the projects over the next 12 years, and what the new work will bring to each of the communities that’s affected. Look at the list slowly and consider what areas of the region will benefit. This is a regional decision, not just for one or two parts of what makes us up.

The total price tag of all the bonds is in the \$815M range. It’s a lot of money – and the projects reflect a lot of new development, and/or upgrades to what we already have. It’s a regional makeover. I’d invite you to go beyond quick sound bites you might hear and do a little visualizing of what we’ll be after the work is completed.



Ya gotta break eggs to make bread. That’s what you’ll be asked to do on these bond projects.

Another Makeover Possibility

The image on the right shows the former Humane Society dog walking space.

Last year, thanks to Santa Rita Landscaping, the Humane Society got an upgrade to that rather stark park. Here’s what Santa Rita funded for the pooches:



Photo Credits to Santa Rita Landscaping

Garrett Ham, one of the co-owners of Santa Rita, has announced that they're going to offer a local non-profit the chance for another landscaping makeover again this year. Nominations will be accepted until the end of September. Santa Rita will fund up to a \$15K project. What you see in the shot above was done for less than \$10K. As you can see, the upside is pretty impressive.

To nominate your favorite charity, you need to go to the Santa Rita Landscaping Facebook page at www.facebook.com/srlandscaping. "Like" the page to submit your nomination. Facebook fans will vote for one of the ten finalists from October 15th through November 15th. The winner will be chosen by a combination of those fan votes and a Santa Rita Landscaping selection committee. They'll announce on their Facebook page on November 20th.

Dog Licensing, Vaccinations, and Spay-Neuter

We'll be hosting the licensing and vaccination event this coming weekend at Ward 6. Doors open at 10am, and the vaccinations will continue for everybody who's in line by noon. The licensing and other parts of the event will go until 2pm.

Many thanks are in order to Andy Squire for his hard work to pull the program together. Thanks also to the Humane Society for getting the vets who'll be on hand, Pima Animal Care Center for helping with the licensing, and Pet Club for agreeing to be here with dog goodies throughout the event. Also plan on seeing the Tucson Tails "For the Love of Dog" raffle, No Kill Pima County, Hermitage Cat Shelter, Arizona Border Collie Rescue and Handi-Dogs. Here's the flyer – come on by for the fun, even if you aren't bringing a four-legged pal for licensing or shots.



City of Tucson Ward 6

Dog Licensing, Free Rabies Vaccination, & Low Cost Spay/Neuter Education Event!



The City of Tucson, Pima County Animal Care, and the Humane Society of Southern Arizona are teaming up to kick off Tucson's "Love Your Pup? License UPI" campaign with a licensing and FREE rabies vaccination event!

What can you do at the event?

- License your Spayed or Neutered pup for just \$16
- Get your Senior Citizen Discount pup license Spayed/Neutered \$11, Unaltered \$18
- Get a Free rabies vaccination from 10 am to 12 noon for pups (and grown up dogs) 3 months or older in good health!
- Get your pup microchipped by HSSA for \$10



To make a great event even better....**WE ARE WAIVING LATE FEES!** So if you have a pet who never got a license or whose license has expired grab your latest rabies renewal certificate and come to this event to get your pup Licensed Up!

What else could we possibly pack into this event?

Great opportunities to learn about low cost Spay and Neuter options, animal care in our community, and the folks who give their time and money to do it like:

The Border Collie Rescue Group / No Kill Pima County Advocates / Hermitage Cat Shelter / Handi-Dogs



Join Us!

**Saturday, September 12, 2015,
10 AM - 2 PM**

~ Vaccinations from 10 – 12 ~
Any pup in line by 12 will be vaccinated

Ward 6 Council Office

3202 E 1st Street

(Just East of Speedway and Country Club)



And did we mention?

Pet Club will be giving away dog goodies & No Kill Pima County will be holding a free raffle of a "For the Love of Dog" basket!



Parking available at Century Link Lot directly West of the Ward 6 Office.

For more information please call: 791-4601

Prostitution and Trafficking – The Loft Cinema

I was very pleased to have been contacted by Beverly Seckinger from the UA School of Theater, Film and Television with a request to help promote the screening of *Dreamcatcher* at The Loft. Beverly's one of the Co-Directors of the DocScapes Screening Series. She's aware of the work we've done out of the Ward 6 office to help victims of prostitution and trafficking find a way to a new life. *Dreamcatcher* speaks in a vivid way to the need to continue on with that work.

On Tuesday, September 22nd at 7pm, film producer Lisa Stevens and the main subject of the film, Brenda Myers-Powell, will be at The Loft to introduce the film and to sit for a post-film dialogue with the audience.

The film is a retrospective on Brenda's time formerly as a teenage prostitute and now as an activist working for change on the streets of Chicago. The same need exists in Tucson. As we have noted through Project RAISE and many of the forums we've conducted, prostitution involves exploitation and violence against young women, their families, and the community. Brenda will speak to the issue from a very personal perspective.

The DocScapes series is a collaboration between the Hanson Film Institute and the Center for Documentary at the UA. That collaboration supports interdisciplinary research into significant social issues, production through a variety of media to get the word out, and, through Hanson, cultivation of both the art and the business sides of film.

If you follow this newsletter, you know this is a big deal issue for us at Ward 6 and for the community in general. I hope you can come out on the 22nd to participate in the Loft / DocScapes event. You can reach Beverly at bsecking@email.arizona.edu or at 621.1239.

Internet Crimes Against Children

I looked up some historical data on Internet crimes involving kids. Back in 2009, when I first took office, the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force had posted these data:

- 4,318 incidents involving unlawful images of the sexual exploitation of minors.
- 394 incidents of Internet crimes against children reported from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Cybertip hotline.
- 228 cases of the Internet facilitated luring of minors for sexual exploitation.
- 27 reported incidents of Internet related child prostitution.

Over an eight day period in December of 2008, ICAC undercover investigators found over 8,100 unlawful images of child porn on the internet that were traced to 77 different cities in Arizona.

In the world of the Internet, that data is a hundred years old – sex crime against kids is prevalent and growing. And it's doing so in Tucson.

The ICAC Task Force is a federally-funded program that operates through a yearly grant issued to the Phoenix Police Department (PPD). It uses the money itself and partially funds several affiliate agencies around the State. Since 2008, TPD has been one of those agencies working with the PPD on this issue. We just reauthorized a continuation of that relationship.

The ICAC Task Force provides a wide range of programs that include [on-site](#) and [e-learning](#) courses specifically designed for law enforcement use, and TPD's Sex Offender Registration and Tracking Sergeant provides annual statistics to the Phoenix agency. In 2015, TPD received \$15K from the ICAC grant. The funding allows us to continue providing current Internet crimes investigative training and to do what we can to pursue child porn investigations.

The Internet is not a "Safe Place" for kids. The work of the PPD and our own TPD ICAC Task Force is critical to investigating and prosecuting people involved with the production and distribution of unlawful images. It ties in directly with the work Brenda Myers-Powell will be sharing at The Loft screening I wrote about earlier.

Preparedness

I'm going to talk about two items related to preparedness: one is the national campaign that will take place throughout the month of September, and the other is work TEP is do-

ing in the area of energy efficiency.

National Preparedness Month

The theme of National Preparedness Month this year is “Don’t Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.” It will touch on a different topic every week of the month:

Week 1: September 1-5 Flood

Week 2: September 6-12 Wildfire

Week 3: September 13-19 Extreme Heat

Week 4: September 20-26 Power Outage

Week 5: September 27-30 Lead up to National PrepareAthon! Day (September 30)

In each case, the message is to make a plan and know what you’re going to do before an emergency occurs.

The City has an Office of Emergency Management. You can follow it on Twitter (twitter.com/toemhs) and on Facebook (facebook.com/toemhs). At each of those sites, you’ll find daily tips and information you can use at work, home, or in your classroom. It’s worth making a plan and sharing it with the people who will be impacted around you when the unforeseen drops in your lap.

Preparedness and TEP Programs

TEP offers a free weatherization home-repair program that’s designed specifically for income-qualifying families. Making your home more energy efficient will result in reduced monthly bills, and it’ll save our precious nonrenewable resources. We all win.

If you’d like to see if you qualify, you can check with either the Pima County Community Development folks (Paula Jansmann – 724.2696 or paula.jansmann@pima.gov) or the Tucson Urban League (791.9522 x2605 or cdominguez@tucsonurbanleague.org.)

Before calling, you should know the basic standards they’ll be asking about. The utility account must be in your name, you must be a current residential TEP customer, and you meet these financial guidelines (gross income for the past 12 months):

1 person - \$17,505

2 people \$23,595

3 people \$29,685

4 people \$35,775

5 people \$41,865

...and it goes up from there

They also have a program you can use to level off your monthly payments. This one doesn’t require you to meet any income qualifiers. TEP computes your average annual usage and sets you up with a monthly charge that reflects that history. This gives you a predictable monthly bill and allows you to avoid the peaks and valleys that sometimes occur with wide temperature shifts. If you’d like information on that, call TEP’s customer service line at 623.7711. You can also sign up for paperless billing while you’re at it.



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So what does a picture of Paris have to do with **Cycloviva Tucson**? Well, in Paris they're going to shut down the entire city to vehicular traffic for a day. On Sunday, September 27th from 11am until 6pm, it will be illegal to drive, except in certain very limited portions of Paris. They're making an air quality statement and giving this a try as the means by which to deliver the message.

Next April 10th in Tucson, we're going to celebrate similarly, from 10am until 3pm. While the route is yet to be fully determined, there's early talk of it being along the Sunshine Mile on Broadway and ending up at Himmel Park. As I say, this is in the early talking stage, but as long as we can work out the ingress/egress details for the businesses along the route and traffic concerns are resolved for the impacted neighborhoods, it'll be a great way to familiarize people with that segment of Broadway. It's the same one I've written about extensively as we've been going through the design discussions related to its widening.

If you live or work around the Euclid to Country Club segment of Broadway, you'll be hearing from the Living Streets Alliance people shortly to talk about the plans. There are plenty of logistics to work out, so don't feel this is a done deal, or that your input isn't regarded seriously. There's lots of work left to do.

Football Rankings

I'll close with this. The UA football team opened regular season play last week with a 10 point win against the University of Texas, San Antonio. We entered the game ranked in the top 25. That's based on football skills, but there are evidently other ways to measure teams in the pre-season.

Grammarly is an automated proof-reading source. They took an adventure by reading the comments readers post in blogs related to the college season football kickoff. Based on the fan's grammar, they re-ranked the AP Top 25. Based on the grammatical prowess of the fans, here's the new Top 25:

TEAM	100 WORDS	TEAM	100 WORDS
1. Auburn	0.9	14. Arkansas	4.2
2. Texas Christian	1.6	15. Notre Dame	4.4
3. Oregon	1.9	16. UCLA	4.6
4. Ole Miss	2.0	17. Florida State	4.6
5. LSU	2.1	18. Michigan State	4.8
6. Stanford	2.2	19. Arizona State	5.0
7. Arizona	2.3	20. Wisconsin	5.0
8. Boise State	2.5	21. Georgia Tech	5.4
9. Tennessee	2.7	22. Clemson	5.5
10. Oklahoma	3.1	23. Baylor	5.5
11. Southern California	3.4	24. Georgia	5.7
12. Ohio State	4.0	25. Alabama	6.4
13. Missouri	4.1		

Source: Grammarly; Note: Based on sampling of 100 reader comments from SB Nation team blogs for each school.
The Wall Street Journal.

They looked at things like “your vs you’re” errors, and incorrect use of “there, their, they’re” among others. I hope they also considered “irregardless.” It’s not a word, and it sounds like fingernails clawing a chalk board.

Note the UA fans came out with a #7 ranking, with 2.29 mistakes per 100 words, vs. ASU at #19 with 5 mistakes per 100 words.

Here’s hoping that holds up on the field.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events and Entertainment

What’s happening in Ward 6...

The Latin Comedy Jam

Saturday, September 12, 2015, 1st Show – 6 pm, 2nd Show – 8 pm

Leo Rich Theater, 260 S Church Ave

An amazing cast will give you two hours of laughs and fun featuring Tucson’s own Roberto Rodriguez, Dillon Garcia, Javi Luna, and the always funny Steve Trevino closing. Hosted by Mike G. Get your tickets now! Reserved seats on sale at ticketmaster.com. More info: tucsonconventioncenter.com/events/latin-comedy-jam/.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Public Open House (Ward 6)**Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 5:30 – 8:30 pm****Randolph Dell Ulrich Golf Course Copper Room, 600 S. Alvernon Way**

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Department will hold a series of community-wide open houses to gather public input on how it can best deliver recreation and leisure opportunities. The draft five-year master plan anticipates future needs and outlines the actions necessary to deliver high-quality recreation facilities, programs, and services to the Tucson area. The public process provides opportunities for input through the project website (link below) or email to parksmasterplan@tucsonaz.gov. Additional stakeholder focus groups are scheduled throughout September. Locations and more information can be found at: www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/masterplan.

Sign Up for United Way's Days of Caring**Wednesday, November 4, 2015 and Saturday, November 7, 2015**

United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona invites volunteers to sign up starting September 9th to participate in Southern Arizona's single largest volunteer event, Days of Caring 2015. Volunteers can sign up at Volunteer.UnitedWayTucson.org and choose from hundreds of projects at local schools, child care centers and nonprofit agencies. Individuals are welcome to participate. You are also encouraged to recruit your family, friends, civic club, sports team, church group, co-workers and/or neighbors to form a team. For more information, email daysofcaring@UnitedWayTucson.org.

Ongoing**Mission Garden**, 929 W Mission Ln

Saturdays 8 am – 12 pm, April to November; 12 pm – 4 pm, December to March

A re-creation of the Spanish Colonial walled garden that was part of Tucson's historic San Agustin Mission. Features Sonoran Desert-adapted heritage fruit-trees, traditional local heirloom crops and edible native plants. *For guided tours call 520-777-9270 and leave message.*

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Waywww.tucsonbotanical.org**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Avewww.jewishhistorymuseum.org**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress Stwww.FoxTucsonTheatre.org**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress Sthotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St

www.rialtotheatre.com/

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

www.theroguetheatre.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

www.arizonatheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave

July 25, 2015 - October 11, 2015: Arizona Biennial 2015

www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

February 7, 2015– February 7, 2016, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

"Meet the Trilobites – Arizona's First Inhabitants," the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe.

www.uamineralmuseum.org

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 11:00am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org